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## Cassis lauds Providence Park Hospital groundbreaking

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**LANSING** - State Sen. Nancy Cassis joined community leaders at the recent groundbreaking for St. John's Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

Cassis sponsored language in Public Act 619 of 2002 allowing hospitals in growing areas a onetime opportunity to transfer unused beds. After multiple court challenges, the final ruling, delivered last month, set the stage for construction to begin.

"Many people had a hand in moving this project forward and I am honored to have been a part of this effort," said Cassis, R-Novi. "It is humbling to stand before a site that will soon bring healing to thousands of area residents."

In recognition of her work, Cassis' handprints were placed in the inaugural cement.

A second medical facility, also impacted by the Cassis legislation, is being built in West Bloomfield by Henry Ford Hospital. Cassis will attend that groundbreaking on Friday.

"It is an exciting time for western Oakland County," Cassis said. "These improvements demonstrate a commitment to improving the quality of life and wellness for area residents."

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